

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Atsushi WATANABE, et al.

Serial No.: 09/546,214

Filed: April 10, 2000

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS



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WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 C.F.R. § 1.55**

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231*

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, Applicants submit herewith a certified copy of each of the following foreign application:

Japanese Appln. No. 11-101885, filed April 8, 1999.

It is respectfully requested that Applicants be given the benefit of the earlier foreign filing date, as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,
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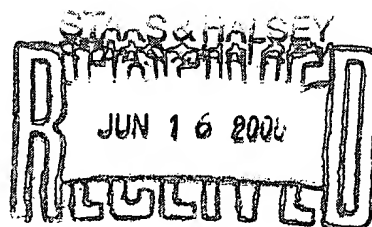


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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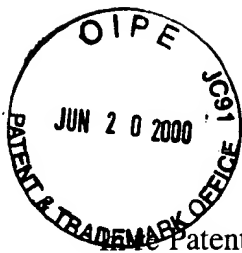
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS AND
SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION, ASSIGNMENT AND PRIORITY DOCUMENT
TO COMPLETE APPLICATION**

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Attention: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f) and in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application - Filing Date Granted mailed June 14, 2000, enclosed is the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by the inventors for completing the missing parts of the subject application. Also enclosed is a check for **\$170.00**, which is payment for the necessary \$130.00 surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e), and Assignment Recordation fee of \$40.00. The Assignment recordation papers are being filed concurrently herewith.

It is requested that this Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney be entered in the file for the above-referenced application and that the application be advanced to examination.

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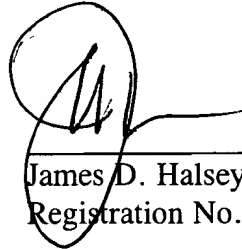
If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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